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## MEDIA ALERT

FOR RELEASE AFTER MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 26, 1984

President and Mrs. Author E. Hughes hosted a black tie dinner on Sunday evening February 26, 1984 in celebration of the dedication of the Douglas F. Manchester Executive Conference Center. Dedication ceremonies were held throughout the afternoon. (See program)

The six o'clock cocktail reception was held in the lobby of the newly erected building. Guests viewed the new auditorium and other areas which are decorated in Spanish Renaissance colors and motifs which complement the architecture. Professor Therese Whitcomb, university curator who directs the historic design of all university buildings, described the historic background which determined the design and building of the features throughout the building. Of particular interest is the Board of Trustees room with its wood burning fireplace, hand crafted tables, ornamental chandeliers, distressed parquet floor and rug of hispanic-moorish design.

Music was provided by university alumnae Carmen MacDonald, viola; Yolande Plute, cello and Janice M. Strobl, violin.

Round tables of eight were set in the large seminar room on the second floor.

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Honored guests included donors attending the event, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Manchester, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Agnew, representing Gulf Oil; Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Alessio, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Baugh, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Derbes, representing The Signal Companies, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Grace, representing the Grace Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steidle, representing the May Department Stores. (See attached list)

Following dinner, Dr. Hughes presented Mr. and Mrs. Manchester (Doug and Betsy) with a Torrey Pines basket woven by artist Lillian Barnes. The basket, mounted on a block of wood made by Paul Roos, who crafted the tables in the Board of Trustees Room, is encased in plexiglass. An inscription on a brass plaque expresses the university's gratitude to the Manchesters. Doug Manchester is a Trustee.

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Photos requested during the cocktail hour.